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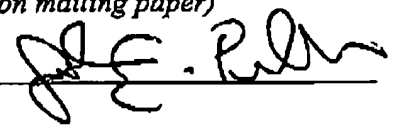
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Dear Sir:

This Submission and Request for Continued Examination is in reply to the Office Action, dated May 10, 2006 which issued in connection with the above-identified application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number 501-908 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) for this Request for Continued Examination and any deficiency or overpayment of fees necessary for this submission and reply. This Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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